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1. /BEGIN SUMMARY/: ON EVE OF NATO MINISTERIAL AND EC SUMMIT, FOREIGN MINISTER MORO DELIVERED MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT BEFORE SENATE DECEMBER 6. BULK OF STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF GOI COMMITMENT TO UNIFIED EUROPE. STATEMENT ALSO TOUCHED ON MIDDLE EAST AND GREECE REGARDING WHICH MORO EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN WHILE NIMBLY SIDESTEPPING THORNIER ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE. /END SUMMARY/.

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2. /EUROPE/. ON SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, MORO SPOKE

APPROVINGLY OF UPCOMING EC SUMMIT AND INFORMAL LINES ALONG WHICH IT WILL BE ORGANIZED. AT SAME TIME, HE MADE ALLUSION TO SECONDARY SUMMIT ROLE SLATED FOR NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH HE APPEARED TO MINIMIZE BY NOTING THAT INTERNAL AS WELL AS EXTERNAL POLICY WOULD BE DISCUSSED. REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN UNIFICATION, MORO CAME OUT FOUR SQUARE IN FAVOR OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTEGRATION AS WELL AS DEFINITION OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THAT THESE THEMES AS WELL AS REGIONAL POLICY, IN WHICH ITALY HAS SUCH STRONG INTEREST, AND ENERGY POLICY WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THE SUMMIT. ADDING THAT HE INTENDED THAT ALL ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION AIMING AT UNION BY 1980 WOULD BE TREATED, MORO STATED THAT ITALY WOULD INSIST THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION BE ADVANCED FROM 1975 TO THE END OF 1974.

3. TURNING TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS, MORO STATED THAT ITALY REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROGRESSIVE CREATION OF UNITARY INSTITUTIONS AND GRADUAL TRANSFER OF POWERS FROM NATIONAL TO SUPRA-NATIONAL BODIES. HE ALSO CALLED FOR CREATION OF FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE AND REMARKED ON THE TOTAL INACCEPTABILITY OF ONE STATE OR GROUP OF STATES ESTABLISHING DOMINANT POSITION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SUCH MECHANISMS SHOULD BE CAPABLE NOT ONLY OF TIMELY ACTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS BUT SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE CRISES BEFORE THEY RISE. SPECIFICALLY, MORO URGED CONSTITUTION OF ORGANISM FOR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WITH BOTH MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE POLICY AIMS.

4. MORO ALSO SPOKE OUT IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED POWERS FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE DIRECT ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED NEED FOR EC TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF ITS MEMBER POPULATIONS AND "TO DEFEND ITS OWN VALUES AND LEGITIMATE INTERESTS, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY OVERLOOKING THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE".

DEFINITION OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY, MORO ADDED, DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WHICH LINK US WITH THE US BECAUSE THIS RELATIONSHIP IS NOT ONE OF SUBORDINATION BUT OF EQUALITY AMONG PARTNERS (CONSOCIATI), EACH ENDOWED WITH ITS OWN AUTONOMY AND IDENTITY. EUROPEAN UNITY MUST ALSO NOT IGNORE RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD OR INITIATIVES FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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DETENTE WITH EASTERN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY WITH ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

5. /MIDDLE EAST. NOTHING THAT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITALIANS, COMMON EC ATTITUDE TOWARD MIDDLE EAST HAD COME LATE IN THE GAME, MORO NOTED THAT CLOSE TIES WITH THE AREA MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO EXCLUDE EUROPE OVER THE LONG HAUL FROM EXERCISING INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE SHAPE OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE. SUCH

A THING WOULD NOT ONLY BE IMPOSSIBLE BUT COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED AS WELL.

6. /GREECE/. ON GREECE, MORO CONDEMNED LACK OF FREEDOM, REPRESSION OF STUDENT REBELLION AND BY IMPLICATION BOTH THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS REGIMES ALTHOUGH HE SAID IT WAS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE JUDGEMENT ON INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF LAST NOVEMBER 25. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN CITED VARIOUS MOVES UNDERTAKEN BY GOI IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EC AND OTHER BODIES TO PROTEST GREEK SITUATION. AS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND NATO, MORO SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT DISCUSSION OF THE GREEK PROBLEM IN THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL SETTING WOULD LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS. THE PRECARIOUS BALANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN MAKES IT MORE THAN EVER DESIRABLE NOT TO TAKE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ADD TO THE DANGER THERE OR DETRACT FROM EFFORTS AT DETENTE IN CSCE AND MBFR. NEVERTHELESS, MORO CONCLUDED, GOI WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RETURN OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN GREECE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. VOLPE

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